



Delaware Early Childhood Council

Early Learning Programs & Workforce Committee **(High Quality Programs and Professionals)**

Julie Johnson, Chair

September 16, 2019

6 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Appoquinimink Training Center

Room 144

118 South Sixth Street, Odessa

MEETING MINUTES

Expo (April 21, 2020)

- Cost:
 - Catering
 - Buses (Will need donation / sponsorship for busing)
 - Vendor (Julie will finalize)
 - Speaker (e.g. Maury Sykes, Kimberly Kraznowski contact information)
 - Bags and resources for students (e.g. 350 bags, pamphlet of what to do with ECE pathway)
 - Head Start Collaborative can contribute \$5,000
- Sponsorships interest (e.g. higher education / DHHS)
 - Julie will work on getting sponsorships / levels of sponsorship
 - deaeyc potential as platform for membership
- Vendors interest
 - Cost for tables (e.g. centers for small fee; benefit to center (volunteers / paid internship at 16yo and count as ratio, under supervision))
- Send out a Save-A-Date
 - Rita can work on to send to teachers in districts that have the program / give response on ability to attend
- Students coming to expo with different levels of knowledge to Expo
- Attendees: ECE pathway and schools without ECE pathway, K-12 pathway attendees
 - Sophomores – seniors
- Rita can connect those that want to connect with the pathways teachers in your district

POC

- Issue regarding how prorating for family co-pays
- DHHS: Family co-pay has to be exhausted until POC co-pays kick in
 - Challenge: programs have to bill and pay on 1st of month for entire co-pay / e.g. family who only needed to attend 1 month in August and then come back in September, had to pay whole co-pay for August even though had one week of care. For September, had to pay for same amount. Request: Send concern regarding it being a hardship for families to come up with a co-pay at the beginning of the month to Julie Johnson. Julie to copy Caitlin onto emails regarding POC for PDG information. Many programs not reconciling POC payments.
 - Another challenge mentioned: monthly co-pay stays with one child (who does not even attend center)
- Allowable fee update: DHHS waiting on Federal Government for feedback

Workforce Matrix:

- Future of document: ECE professionals to use as a resource (e.g. ECE professional looking for information for professional learning)

Other:

- 10:30am-12:30pm open invitation for PDG Systems Meeting
- Next meeting date for November